

*Money included in FY 2007 Energy & Water Appropriations Act will help fund improvements to the Oates Creek Flood Control Project*

**Washington, DC** - 12<sup>th</sup> District Georgia Congressman John Barrow announced today that \$750,000 in funding for the Army Corp of Engineer's ongoing Oates Creek Flood Control Project in Augusta was included in the FY '07 Energy & Water Appropriations Act, which passed the House of Representatives late last night by a vote of 404-20.

The completion of Oates Creek Flood Control Project will significantly improve Augusta/Richmond County's ability to effectively maintain the project, and improve its flood-fighting capability - reducing the potential for flood damage and increasing the quality of life for local residents. The project also will minimize future maintenance costs for Augusta-Richmond County.

"Ever since Augusta was first settled, it's been a city that's battled flooding," Barrow said. "Over time, the water has been tamed - but there's still work to do. That's why I'm glad to see that the Appropriations Committee agreed to fund my request for improvements to the Oates Creek Flood Control Project."

The FY '07 Energy & Water Appropriations Act is now being considered in the Senate. After the House and Senate both agree on a Conference Report, the bill will go to the President for his approval.

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